

RE: Philadelphia Water Department's Annual Adjustment of Tiered Assistance Program
Rate Rider Surcharge Rates (FY 2024 Rates)

Opposition to the proposed settlement

1. Participant Haver files this opposition to the proposed settlement.
2. Not a single member of the general public testified at any of the hearings regarding annual adjustment of the Tiered Assistance Program.
3. The failure of the Water Department's Public Advocate and the Philadelphia Water Department to engage the public, hear from those who will be affected makes the settlement unworthy of support.
4. If there is to be any belief that public input is meaningful, then the hearing examiner cannot accept this settlement.
5. If the hearing examiner accepts this settlement, she will be failing to hold PWD's public advocate and the water department accountable for the lack of outreach and lack of public engagement.
6. If the hearing examiner accepts this settlement, she will make a mockery of her statements on the record saying how important it is to hear from those who are struggling pay.